

HARRY HILL, a colored man, shot and killed his wife in Kansas City last Monday evening and then took his own life by the same means. They were raised in Carrollton, from which place they moved a week previous to the killing. Jealousy and disobedience seemed to have been the cause.

A KANSAS editor wound up a compliment to a young schoolma'm with a good word about "the reputation for teaching she bears." The next day the schoolma'm met the editor and chased him down the street with her blue umbrella, and every jump in the road she screamed that she had never taught a she bear in all her life.

On last Friday night the inter-collegiate oratorical contest came off at Kansas City in which C. C. Seelman, representative of the literary societies of Central college at Fayette, came off winner. Park, Missouri Valley, Drury, William Jewell and Westminster colleges and the state university were all represented, which fact certainly shows Mr. Seelman to be a master in oratory as well as a genius in intellect. The judges on thought and style were Judges Phillips and Brace and Rev. J. F. Hendy, D. D. Judges on delivery were Hon. J. B. Walker, Judge T. M. Black and Rev. D. E. Bushnell, D. D.

SEVERAL bank officials from different parts of the state were before the state board of equalization in Jefferson City last Monday for the purpose of securing a uniform method of assessing bank stock. It appears there is a great difference in the assessment of this kind of property. In some counties it is put down as low as 40 cents, while in others the valuation runs up to 1.10. The only uniform way to assess this sort of property that would be just to all, it occurs to us, is to make the cash value of the stock a basis for assessment. Perhaps the stock in some banks is not worth over 50 cents on the dollar, while in others it is above par.

HON. W. J. BRYAN, of Nebraska, and U. S. Hall held a joint discussion on the financial question at Huntsville last Tuesday. From sketches read of their speeches we observe nothing new in their arguments. The correspondent of the Kansas City Times, of course, gave it as his opinion that the Nebraskan was worsted in the discussion. This was to be expected and is not surprising in the least. Mr. Hall admitted that 98 per cent. of his Democratic constituents were in favor of the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, a fact, perhaps, that would have satisfied a reasonable man that he was not a fit representative of his people, and thereupon would have led him to resign and thus have given them a chance to choose another man to represent them. This was especially true of Riley Hall, who made the most solemn pledges of fealty to and support of the silver cause.

Silver in Missouri.

Missouri is solid for silver as shown by all the counties which have held primaries or conventions preparatory to the Sedalia convention. In fact it begins to look as though the gold-standard men, as members of the convention, will be conspicuous for their absence.

The following named counties have either held conventions and elected solid silver delegations to Sedalia or they have had primaries giving instructions to delegates to the county convention as to whom they shall send to the state convention, to-wit: Clark, Miller, Scott, Madison, Osage, Howell, Ray, Cooper, Carroll, St. Clair, Laclede, Marion, Bates and perhaps others. It has been claimed that Marion and Ray county Democrats are for a gold-standard, but that claim is abandoned now. At their primaries there was not a single gold-standard delegate elected to their county conventions. Everywhere there has as yet been an overwhelming victory for the silver wing of the party.

DELOS PHELPS, the U. S. sub-treasurer at Chicago, is quoted as saying: Money (paper, gold and silver), must have an equal value. Certainly, when the law creating money makes the different kinds of money of equal debt-paying value, they are of equal value. And this is just the relation that gold and silver had to each other from 1892 to 1873. Previous to 1873 the language of the law concerning gold and silver money was: "They shall be a lawful tender in all payments whatsoever." Had that law not been repealed there never would have been talk about dishonest money. Re-enact that law and coin all of both metals presented at the mint for coinage, and we verily believe all such talk will cease. Not only so, but the price of farm products will be restored to a paying basis, forced idleness will become a thing of the past, and debtors will stand some show of paying their debts which they never can do under a single gold-standard, which becomes more and more manifest each day. It is strange that men afflicted with the gold craze cannot see the sad state of facts that now exist.

Cause for Rejoicing.

Of course silver Democrats will rejoice at the prospects of certain triumph of their cause in Missouri, it is natural and right they should, especially as they regard the silver cause a righteous one in politics; but their rejoicing needs not be of an offensive character. They should be gentle and patient with their erring brethren, who in the main, we have reason to believe, are honest and sincere in their views. If the preliminaries for a state convention continue on the line they have started there will not be a single gold-standard member of the Sedalia convention, which shows all the talk concerning the "dying out of the free silver craze in Missouri," was mere bosh, exhibiting ignorance of the true situation, or else a predetermined purpose to deceive. The truth is the silver cause has been steadily advancing and gaining ground ever since the financial question became the "paramount issue" in politics, as announced by Mr. Cleveland.

We hope it will continue to grow and become so strong in every national convention to be held in the year 1896, that every member of every convention who may oppose its onward march shall see the hand writing on the wall, telling him in unmistakable language "thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting."

Inconsistencies.

Discussing the fall of the prices of agricultural products in the last two or three years, the New York Herald attributes it to two influences, (1) the long three years' drought which has prevailed so acutely over almost all sections of the country; (2) the fact that "the world's markets were glutted with cereals, cotton and other agricultural produce." The fact that drought creates scarcity rather than superabundance, does not fit in very well with the allegation that the world's markets have been glutted. That allegation, however, is of itself without foundation. The world's supply of useful products is now, and it has always been, insufficient for the needs of man. But men who have desired the things produced have been forbidden to obtain them, because misgovernment has obstructed the movement from producer to consumer. There are multitudes of persons in this country who cannot find employment, and so can not buy the food of the farmer or the goods of the manufacturer. Thus there seems to be a surplus production, but in truth there is nothing else than partial paralysis of the business of making exchanges. If the theory of over-production were sound we should be obliged, also, to accept the theory that the world becomes poorer the more wealth it produces. If this were true we should be able to reach a condition of outright pauperism by stimulating wealth-production just a little farther. No sane man doubts that if half the world's stock of gold should be suddenly exterminated prices of all commodities would fall at least fifty per cent. Why, then, should any one question the equally indisputable fact that prices have fallen because half the metallic money of the civilized world has been demonetized?—*The Manufacturer.*

Such little inconsistencies as the one

mentioned above should not surprise the *Manufacturer*. Almost every argument on the gold side is pervaded with contradictions even worse.

In one breath free coinage is going to "flood the country with 50 cent dollars," in the next it is going to "drive all of the gold out of the country and it will take a very long time to get silver to fill its place. As a result free coinage will contract the currency. Again under free coinage the silver dollar is going right down to 50 cents, but the dishonest silver miner is to get 100 cents for each 37 1/4 grains. Just how the same dollar can be worth 100 cents to the silver miner and only 50 cents to other people they never try to explain. So we have a flood of silver and contracted currency at the same time, and the same identical dollar worth 100 cents to the silver miner and only 50 cents to the "poor laborer" at the same time, hard times caused by crop failures and over-production at the same time, and so on indefinitely.

Truly sound money argument (?) is a most peculiar thing.—*The National Bimetallist.*

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

The Tomb.

ADAMS:—John D. Adams aged 51 years, living 8 miles northwest of Keytesville, died last Tuesday night. He has been in poor health for some time. Last Friday he was taken down with a severe attack of rheumatism, the effects of which caused his death. He leaves a wife and 10 children, the latter ranging from 28 years down to a baby. All but one of the children are boys. Mr. Adams' remains were laid to rest in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery, near Guthridge Mill, on Wednesday.

ALLEN:—Mr. John H. Allen, a highly respected citizen living in the Forks of Chariton, died last Saturday and was buried on Sunday following. Mr. Allen was nearing the four score mile stone in the journey of life. He had lived in Chariton county since his boyhood, and was an upright and honored citizen; a kind husband and father and a good and generous neighbor. For many years he had been a faithful member of the Baptist church. He was a soldier in the Mexican war. For a number of years he had been a child of affliction and subject to epilepsy which had measurably impaired his mind. He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. May they all meet him in that "sun-bright clime."

MACKAY:—Ex-State Senator Andrew Mackay, after several weeks illness, passed from his earthly to his heavenly home at 9 o'clock p. m. April 1st. He died at his home in Keytesville surrounded by wife, children and friends. He was one of the old landmarks of Keytesville, having been here since 1860, and in all that time has been a great help to his fellowmen. His death, occurring after the forms of the *Courier* were made up, we have deferred a more extended notice until next week. Truly a good man in Israel has fallen. His funeral will take place from the Baptist church today, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Miss Fannie Belle, daughter of Rev. Harvey Hatcher, who lived in Keytesville back in the 40's, and for quite a while was the pastor of the Baptist church here, arrived in Keytesville last Saturday and is the guest of Miss Zettie Martin and other Keytesville friends. Miss Fannie Belle was born in Keytesville, and seems but a little while since she was a "wee tot" of a girl. Now she is quite an accomplished young lady. How rapidly time seems to fly since we reached the average of mortals here below. Rev. Hatcher was a popular minister of the word and had many friends in and around Keytesville. His home is still in Santa, Georgia, where it has been for quite a while. He used to write the *Courier* a letter occasionally, which his friends here, always read with interest. We think if he would break the long silence with another of his spicy and newsy letters, his effort would be greatly appreciated by all our readers who have the good fortune to be acquainted with him.

15 to 1.

I am a true Democrat and in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

T. E. MACKAY,

Candidate for Public Administrator.

...March Winds!...

Seem to be blowing trade our way. See our new goods, a better assortment in every line than ever before.

Dress Goods.

All Wool Dress Patterns, Plaid Gingham, Silk Tartans, Silk Taffetas, Percales, Ducks in Linen Effect and Plain, Silks, Velvets, Trimmings and Linings of all descriptions.

Dry Goods.

A full line of staple Dry Goods consisting of Calicoes, Domestics, Shirts, Denims, Cottonades, Jeanes, Flannels, Teazle Downs, Ticks, Etc., Etc.

Carpets from Samples.

Rugs and Hosssocks.

This space reserved for our . . .

Spring Clothing,

. . . Which we expect very soon.

Hats and Furnishing Goods.

We have the exclusive sale of the celebrated

Thoroughbred Hats,

Also a complete line of Gents' Furnishing Goods of all kinds.

Last but not least . . .

Our Shoe Department.

We claim the best selected stock of Ladies' Gents' and Children's Shoes to be found in the city.

Ladies' and Children's Shoes and Oxfords in all widths and styles.

Men's dress and plow shoes.

Keytesville, Missouri.

Miller & Lewis.

Belts! Belts!

Everything that is new and nobby in that line can be seen at Mrs. C. P. Vandiver's.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mackay, of St. Louis, came to Keytesville Tuesday morning to visit Mr. Mackay's father in his last illness.

Charlie Brill, a clever young farmer of Chariton township, called at the *Courier* sanctum yesterday, and made himself solid for the great weekly for another year.

Measles in Town.

Miss Pearl Furrow is suffering from an attack of measles, likewise Mrs. A. L. Welch and Miss Pearl Hasting, also Miss Effie May Craig.

For Sale.

I have two coming 2-year-old Jersey heifers, which I will sell at reasonable prices. Call at the T. T. Elliott farm, one-half mile east of Keytesville.

J. T. STEELE.

Turn Out.

We hope every Democrat in Chariton county will turn out to the primary election to-morrow, Saturday, the 4th inst. If the galling yoke, now upon the people on account of a false and dangerous financial system is ever lifted from our necks, it will be done because of the fact that the people have become almost desperate and have said "by the eternal" it shall be done.

If the *St. Louis Republic* has not already found out that its scurrilous attacks upon Gov. Stone is doing it no good it will find it out in the near future. The sentiment of Missouri Democrats, so far as it has been ascertained, is that Governor Stone shall be one of the delegates at large from Missouri to the national Democratic convention, and that Hon. R. P. Bland and Senators Vest and Cockrell shall go with him. For a great daily paper to antagonize as faithful a public servant as Gov. Stone has proven to be, sometimes does him good, and we believe that will be the result in this case.

Too Much Politics.

While seated on our office steps last Sunday evening about 7 o'clock p. m., discussing county politics with two of our employees, we made some reference to J. K. Robertson, proprietor of the *Keytesville Signal*. We had heard of Mr. R.'s taking an active part in the interests of a certain candidate for sheriff, and were telling our employees about it, when Berry Robertson, a son of J. K. Robertson, stepped up and stuck his nose into our private conversation, and inquired who our authority was for the statement, and intimated that we would not be hard to lick, when our right stole out and smote the aforesaid Berry on the jaw. It is needless to say he did not "turn the other cheek" to ye editor.

It is said that the attorneys for the Taylor brothers, will appeal to the Federal courts from the decision of the Supreme court of this state, which has decided against their client in sustaining the decision of the lower court. When the tenaciousness of lawyers in holding to bad cases, with the view of defeating the ends of justice is so manifest, it is no wonder that mob law is in the land. Unless there is a turn in the tide of human affairs in this particular, we look for mob law to become rampant, more so than ever. Good citizens, burdened with taxes, to pay criminal costs, are becoming vexed beyond measure, and while they may never engage in a mob, they are rapidly hearing the point where they will tolerate it.

Correction.

It seems that we were misinformed as to the amount of insurance carried by D. R. Longsdorff in the Farmers' Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance Co., of Chariton county. Mr. Longsdorff's risk aggregates \$2,325, instead of \$6,000, as stated in the *Courier* two weeks since. The statement we made came about in this way: While at Mr. Eastwood's sale a few weeks since, we were talking to several gentlemen concerning insurance, when we made the statement that in a Howard county paper there were published the names of 40 men for whom the Farm-

ers' Mutual Insurance Co., of Howard county, was carrying risks ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,345, when a gentleman present remarked that Mr. Longsdorff's risk in the Chariton County Co. aggregated over \$6,000. We cannot call to mind our informant's name. He said he lived in Brunswick township, and was himself insured in the Chariton company. We make this correction for the reason that some persons might conclude that the Chariton County company is too liberal in taking risks.

A Successful Meeting.

The revival services at the McKendree Methodist church, after 19 days' duration, closed last evening with some thirty additions. Rev. Price's health was such that he thought best to close and return to his home in Bristol, Tenn., for amuch-needed rest, as his labors since last October, in six different meetings in Missouri, have been almost continuous, preaching twice and sometimes three times every day, yet is gratified to know that over 400 have been brought into the fold of Christ in these revivals of grace. While the number of converts in this place was encouraging, yet the good the plain, practical, logical, earnest and loving messages evangelist Price gave to the people can never be known this side of eternity. While the members of McKendree church feel that his labors with them has been a benediction, yet the members of all denominations who attended these services have been strengthened in faith and hope.

Last Sunday night every nook and corner of the church was full. Many were standing, and many were turned away. At all of the services the attendance has been large, and the attention and good order most excellent.

The singing, led by Jas. A. Carroll, has been inspiring, and Mr. C. has had the privilege of renewing old acquaintances and forming many new friendships. He leaves for his home in Bonnie, Ill., Monday, and will shortly join Rev. Culpepper in his summer campaign.—*Clinton Press.*

"And you will love me eternally?" Lieutenant: How can you ask such a question? I always love eternally.—*Fliegende Blätter.*